

MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

JACK THE CUSSER TAKEN BY POLICE

Elmer Bloomquist, Aged 26 Years, Is Captured After an Exciting Chase of Five Blocks.

STAGES A PROFANITY PARADE

Young Man, Who Is Said to Be of Unsound Mind, Has Been Annoying Downtown Neighborhood.

In years gone by Moline has claimed such characters as were known by the names of "Jack, the Kisser," and "Jack, the Hugger," but it remained for Elmer Bloomquist, aged 26 years, and claiming to reside at Twenty-first street and Fifth avenue, to assume the role of "Jack, the Cusser."

After eluding the police for some time, Bloomquist was captured by officers on Twenty-fourth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenue, last evening, but only after a chase of four or five blocks. The young man is thought to be of unsound mind. It is alleged that he has been annoying residents of Fifth and Sixth avenue, and pedestrians, by staging a profanity parade along those streets. He is said to have proceeded through that neighborhood, cursing loudly, and subjecting those whom he met to a rapid-fire attack of profane language. On several previous occasions complaints have been made concerning his actions, but each time he disappeared, only to reappear shortly afterwards and repeat the offense. Last night he was sighted by an officer near Twenty-first street and Sixth avenue. When accosted by the patrolman, he fled, and was taken only after a mad sprint for nearly five blocks.

Relatives Are Sought.

An effort is being made to find his relatives, several of whom are thought to be residing here, and his sanity may be inquired into later. A number of women have been frightened by his actions, and he is known in the neighborhood which he infested as "Jack, the Cusser."

HAMPTON MAN LOSES AUTO; RECOVERS IT

When Arthur Peterson of Hampton emerged from the Family theatre Saturday night at 9:30 he discovered that his automobile, which he had left near the playhouse, was missing. Police were notified and two hours later the

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HOTEL MONEY IS TAKEN BY YOUTH

Telephone Operator at Manufacturers' Falls to Return From Bank With \$221.80 in Cash.

Given only the short period of 40 minutes in which to make his getaway, David Wenrich, youthful telephone operator at the Manufacturers' hotel, has for nearly two days eluded police officers of Illinois and Iowa placed on his trail as completely as though he had vanished from the face of the earth. In possession of the boy is, or was at time of his departure, \$221.80, the property of the hotel.

Custom at the hotel has been to send the telephone operator to the bank to have checks cashed and to get needed change for the manager. Saturday night at 7:20 Wenrich was given a check for \$75 and other checks and bills and sent to the bank, the amount with which he was entrusted reaching \$221.80. When he had not returned to the hotel at 7:45, another employee of the hotel was sent to the bank to make inquiries concerning the delay. He was informed that Wenrich had been at the bank, transacted his business and left with the money. The lad still missing at 8 o'clock, a warrant was sworn out for his arrest and the search began. Police at Muscatine, Clinton, Peoria and other cities in Illinois and Iowa were at once notified, and every train leaving this city was thoroughly searched, but not a trace of Wenrich was found.

The boy came to the hotel about six weeks ago. He is a native of Davenport, and upon recommendations of Davenport people Mr. Leavens gave him a situation as elevator conductor. A short time thereafter he was placed in charge of the hotel switchboard. He was a well-educated boy, and had received military school training. His industry and apparent ambition had made him a favorite at the hotel, and his habits were of the best. He claimed to be a native of Xenia, Ohio, and information concerning him is being sought from authorities there.

Opinion of hotel and bank officials here is that the lad had no intention of stealing the money when he went to the bank or when he emerged from the bank. Belief is that he was met on the outside by someone who knew him or who had received the money which he had received, and that he was either induced to decamp with the cash by that person or that the mysterious stranger took the money from him and that the lad was afraid to return with a tale of being robbed, and therefore made his getaway.

MELON PATCH RAID BY EAST END BOYS

Police court has its terrors for many hardened offenders, but it is no bogie for a number of east end lads. With the knowledge fresh in mind that they would be arraigned before Police Magistrate Gustafson the next day on a charge of breaking and entering the refreshment stand of Boxman & Son at Three-Eye park early this morning, eight or ten of the boys summoned to appear decided to bunch their offenses against the law and have all their grief and woe in one large bunch.

Satiated with pop, grape juice and cigars, the boys turned their attention to other matters and sought new fields to conquer, and the first field that their eyes fell upon was one belonging to R. A. Fuller, a Moline mail carrier, which said plot contained a number of large, ripe watermelons. A raid was at once made on the field and when the conquerors had departed the field looked like Belgium swept by the Germans, and Mr. Fuller was shy come two dozen melons—nearly all that was left on the ground. Warrants were sworn out for the youths and they will appear before Magistrate Gustafson this afternoon.

Case of Boxman & Son against the 22 east end boys, aired in police court Saturday, probably will be settled by payment of damages claimed by the refreshment stand proprietor on a pro rata basis by the accused lads. A number of the boys have agreed to settle, and the matter probably will be adjusted without further prosecution.

NIGHT SCHOOL TO OPEN OCTOBER 2

C. H. Krone, Principal, Is Now Busily Engaged in Lining Up Prospective Students.

PLAN TERM OF THREE MONTHS

Curriculum Will Be Continued Chiefly to Reading and Writing—Citizens Asked to Boost.

An unusually large enrollment this fall and winter is expected by C. H. Krone, principal of the Irving night school. He is now busily engaged in lining up prospective students with the aid of societies of foreign-born residents and the publicity he is permitted to give the school in the shops of Moline. Night school will open for its sixth year, Oct. 2, classes to begin at 7:30 in the evening. There will be three meetings each week and the term will extend over a period of three months, October, November and December, closing Dec. 21. Should there be enough students to form a class, studies will be resumed after the holidays.

The curriculum will be confined chiefly to instructions in reading and writing, with classes in English for the beginners as well as for those who can already read and write. Spelling and grammar will also be taught and classes will be graded according to ability in speaking and writing the English language.

Will Hold Debates.

In addition there will be classes in government and in citizenship for those who wish to become citizens. There will also be an advanced class in debating, essay writing and letter writing for those who already have a knowledge of English.

A boost for the school will be a boost for Moline and good American citizenship. On this plea Mr. Krone expects every resident of Moline to encourage foreigners who would improve their efficiency, enjoy life to a greater extent among strangers which knowledge of English and American customs, only can make possible.

MOLINE OBITUARY

Harold Beck.

News was received by relatives in Moline Saturday night of the death of Harold Beck, 23 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beck, formerly of this city. The Becks resided here until the death of the father in March of last year, when the widow went to Cuba to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkinson. The son of the late occurred after a 10-day illness of dysentery. Funeral services will be held in Cuba tomorrow afternoon, and interment will be in the cemetery at that place. Mr. and Mrs. James Frew of this city left to attend the funeral.

CLOTHING STORE IS VISITED BY A THIEF

A. G. Blomgren of the firm of De Wolf & Blomgren, Fifth avenue clothing store, upon his arrival at the store this morning discovered that attempt had been made to gain entrance to the building. Some time Saturday night, or during last night, the effort was made at the door leading into the store from the west side hallway. A screwdriver or knife had been employed by the would-be thief to extract one of the small panes of glass, about 8 by 4 inches, from the door, near the lock. The fact that the lock was new one, of latest pattern, had baffled him, apparently, or he had been frightened by the approach of late pedestrians.

The work had been accomplished so neatly that only a careful observation at close range disclosed that Mr. Blomgren had been tampered with, and Mr. Blomgren asserted that it could easily have been done Saturday night, as he had been on his visit to the store yesterday. The glass and wood taken from the door had been concealed in a small closet in the hallway, nearby. There was no evidence that the man had entered the store.

BISHOP QUAYLE WILL SPEAK IN THIS CITY

J. M. Dale, secretary of the After-Dinner club, has been advised by Bishop William A. Quayle of the Methodist Episcopal church, St. Paul, that he will speak in Moline Feb. 12. He adds, however, that he is making this engagement subject to change which will be necessary in event he is obliged to give his attention to church duties on that date. He will know definitely after the bishops' meeting Nov. 1 and will then advise Mr. Dale.

Speakers for the December and April meetings of the After-Dinner club have yet to be procured. Edward Amherst Ott, who is to speak here at the October session of the club, announces that his subject will be "Trade Stability Through Universal Employment." This is a new topic and has recently been added to his repertoire and in its delivery he is said to excel "Sour Grapes," the address which he usually gives on his first visit to a city.

HOSPITAL PATIENT HANGS SELF TO TREE

The body of John Grebeldinger, aged 33, patient of the Watertown hospital, was found hanging to a tree in a grove just east of that institution Sunday morning. Coroner R. C. J. Meyer conducted an inquest yesterday and a verdict of death due to hanging with suicidal intent was returned. Grebeldinger was a resident of Freeport, Ill., and was committed to the hospital Sept. 2, 1916, his case being one of "mild depression." His condition had improved and his wife had requested that he be given freedom of the grounds. Deceased was an iron molder by trade. Besides his wife he leaves three children.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Friends of Mrs. Harry E. Wright of Rock Island will be glad to know that she is recovering nicely from an operation which was performed Friday at the Lutheran hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Edwards, 719 Twenty-fifth street, have returned from a two weeks' visit at Avoca, Iowa.

Between times circle of King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Otis Howard tomorrow afternoon and a prompt as well as large attendance is requested as there will be election of officers.

Saturday evening a number of friends surprised Miss Olga Eckstrand at her home, 1730 Twelfth street. In the games played prizes were awarded to Miss Wilma Anderson and Elmer Esping. The rooms were attractively decorated with pink and white crepe paper streamers and autumn flowers and a very nice supper luncheon was served, after which a victrola furnished the music for dancing.

Miss Hazel Rose, who had her tonsils removed at the Tri-City sanitarium Saturday, is getting along nicely.

Wellington Wood circle, ladies of the G. A. R., will hold their regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at Olive Swedish hall and a good attendance is desired as they are to prepare for inspection, the inspector to arrive Oct. 4.

Mrs. Robert Harper entertained at her home in Davenport Friday afternoon as a courtesy to her sister, Mrs. John G. Swenson of Portland, Ore., who is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chambers. Needlework furnished pleasant diversion before and after serving of tea. Mrs. Hugh Curtis of Rock Island entertained for the same honor guest on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Allen returned yesterday from the west. Mrs. Allen having accompanied Mr. Allen to Denver and Salt Lake City meeting him in Chicago for the trip. Mr. Allen spent most of the busy summer at home, deeply interested in the new tractor building in process of erection, the introduction of the new Stephens Six line automobiles at the local plant and other increasing activities of the big concern. Mrs. Allen has been in Michilinda, Mich., since early July. The western trip completed yesterday was a speedy one, with a day each in Salt Lake City and Ogden and only a day in the Colorado capital, but they were in Colorado long enough to make the motor trip up Pike's Peak, the most wonderful roadway in the world, it being from 20 to 50 feet wide throughout the entire length.

Moline Woman's club music department announces the coming of Sybil Sammis MacDermid, a noted composer, the two to give a concert at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, Oct. 17. This is the first concert presented by the department since the late Patman Griswold had such a phenomenally successful appearance here and it is hoped that the coming entertainment will be received with equal interest. Sybil Sammis MacDermid has had several successful appearances in this city and two years ago she and her husband created a furore in Davenport when they appeared there. Tickets were in great demand at that time and friends are asked to apply for tickets as soon as possible for the coming concert.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Esterdahl entertained at a family dinner Saturday, covers being laid for 12. The guests being their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Knisely of Idabel, Okla. The home on Thirty-fourth street road was attractive with goldenrod, this same flower forming a golden centerpiece. After the sumptuous dinner, the evening hours were enjoyed socially. Mrs. Knisely will leave for her home in Oklahoma Tuesday evening.

Dolly Madison tent, Daughters of Veterans, will meet in Kerns hall Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Their chicken party supper was very well patronized Saturday evening. A general good time was had by all and the flag fund will receive a substantial increase as a consequence.

Willing Workers of Gordon Memorial church met Saturday afternoon at the church with half the workers present. No special business was transacted, but many plans were discussed which will be announced later when completed. The next meeting in two weeks will have the added attraction of refreshments and the regular line of work will be taken up.

E. F. Griffin of Kansas City, who has been guest at the home of his nephew, Howard E. Griffin, 2604 Twelfth avenue, since Friday, left noon today for a visit with relatives in Joliet and Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smith, who have been having an extensive trip through the east and stopped off here enroute, left this morning for their home in Palo Alto, Cal., after a pleasant visit at the home of William Powell, 419 Forty-second street.

Loyal Women of the First Christian church will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. T. Cole, 1820 Seventeenth avenue.

START EXCAVATING FOR NEW BUILDING

Excavation work for the new Deere building, corner Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue, was begun this morning by the Little Construction company of Davenport. A steam shovel is being used and excavation will be to a depth of about eleven feet. Between 9,000 and 10,000 cubic feet of dirt will be removed.

Employees of the Lewis Roofing company of Rock Island are also busily engaged in razing the old fire station to the south. Work of removal of this structure will be completed within a few days.

PEDDLER'S HORSE IN WILD RUNAWAY

Frightened Animal Winds Up Its Mad Course by Crashing Into Plate Glass Show Window.

LEEDY STORE SUFFERS DAMAGE

Fruit and Vegetables Scattered Along Thoroughfare and Pedestrians Take to Flight.

Excitement reigned for a time on Fifth avenue late Saturday afternoon when a runaway horse, careening madly down Sixteenth street with fruit and vegetables flying in all directions from the wagon which it was drawing, wound up its wild course by crashing into the large plate glass show window of Leedy's 5-and-10-cent store. The horse had been left standing on Third avenue, near Sixteenth street, while its owner was a short distance away. As soon as the owner, George Kallentz, mounted the seat, the horse was off. He tore down Sixteenth street at top speed. Crossing gates at Sixteenth street were down, but failed to stop the frightened animal, which broke off the bar at the northwest side and continued toward Fifth avenue.

Driver Is Arrested.

Arriving at the avenue he altered his course and dashed onto the sidewalk, clearing the curb, wagon and all, with one leap. Another plunge and the shafts of the wagon were dashed through the large display window of the Leedy store, breaking both the front and side panes. The awning was also torn loose and the window display wrecked. The horse was seized by bystanders.

Kallentz was arrested and taken to the police station. Damage to stock and awning and that resulting from breaking of the windows will reach \$250, was the estimate given at the store this morning.

Speeder Taxed \$7.05.

Bert Duve, taken Saturday evening on a charge of exceeding the speed limit,

SUNDAY SEES PRICE OF COAL INCREASED

Prices of coal continue to soar. Over Sunday quotations on the fuel, already high, went higher, particularly on anthracite. On the Chicago market today, according to telegrams received by Moline dealers, a premium of 75 cents a ton was being offered for hard coal.

Prices of coal in the tri-cities are always higher than in Chicago because of the difference in freight rates, the difference usually being about 75 cents a ton.

With the increases on the Chicago market today, hard coal in Moline was selling at \$10.25 a ton and every indication points to an increase of 50 cents a ton on Oct. 1, which will push the price up to \$10.75.

Prices on soft coal of the ordinary furnace varieties was also high, Springfield coal being quoted at \$4.25 a ton and southern Illinois at \$5 a ton, with an increase of 25 cents a ton on both varieties for Oct. 1.

Car shortage, labor shortage and high freight rates are back of the high rates. Dealers, if anything, are making less profit on the present prices than they formerly did with the lower rates.

MAN FROM DRY LAND HALTS LONG DROUGHT

Ed Nelson, newly arrived here from the arid prairies of North Dakota, believes firmly in the eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth doctrine. Following a long drought in that prohibition territory, Ed is strongly in favor of a long sojourn in less restricted localities. Not satisfied with being snared in police toils Friday on a charge of totting more liquid joy than is considered proper in polite circles, he became highly surcharged again yesterday, and once more ran afoul of the law. He declared one Johnson was the author of all his woe, and that he had not purchased the liquor here on the Sabbath. His toll was \$4.50.

Axel Erickson was also fined for drunkenness, \$1 and costs being his portion.

MISTAKE IN LOT LINE DISCOVERED

It Is Reported That Sixth Avenue Buildings Encroach Two Feet Upon City Property.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES THE MATTER

New Structures to Rise on Thoroughfare and Authorities Order Immediate Investigation.

The Moline city council this morning discussed a report that R. M. Benell had discovered that the lot line on the south side of Sixth avenue Moline, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, encroaches two feet upon city property.

The street in question has been surveyed many times and city authorities are inclined to think there is a misunderstanding somewhere. The matter is of great importance, however, because new buildings are planned in the neighborhood for the near future. For this reason City Engineer Lyle Payton will be instructed to investigate immediately.

PLENTY OF WORK FOR HIGH SCHOOL ELEVEN

Coach Miller is making every effort to whip a football eleven into condition for the initial game on Sept. 30, when the Maroon and White will do battle with the Clinton high school aggregation. Clinton this year will produce another fast eleven. The school has made a remarkable showing at the pigskin sport in the last several years. Moline football fans who have been watching the high school squad at practice declare that Coach Miller is getting the maximum amount of work out of the lads, who seem willing and determined, but it is apparent that he still has a big task before him, if he would have an unbeatable combination to represent the Moline high school. Butler is said to be the sensation of the squad so far as the green men are concerned. He is a wonderful runner, and should be a good ground gainer for the locals.

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